(b) No such case has come to notice so far.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Model Guidelines on the subject have already been provided to all State Governments for their reference.

Appointment of officials in VSNL

1647. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed some tainted officials as Directors on the Board of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) against whom CBI/CVC inquiries are pending;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether clearance of the CBI/CVC was obtained prior to the appointment of these officials as Directors on the Board of VSNL; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and whether Government would rescind the appointment orders of these tainted officials and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir?

(c) and (d) No prior clearance of CBI/CVC is necessary for appointment of ex-officio nominee Directors of the Government.

Telephone Connections in Varanasi

1648. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for providing telephone connections in village-Tarapur, P.O. Kalikabara, Distt. Varanasi during 2001 and till date;

(b) the date on which demand note was issued in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that telephone connection against demand note No. RU01/GEN/SUP 00862 dated 17th August, 2001 has not been provided till date despite passage of considerable time; and

(d) whether the telephone connection agaisnt the said demand note would be provided by August, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) Sir, only one application was received for providing telephone connection in Village-Tarapur, RO.-Kalikabara, Distt. Varanasi against Demand Note No. RU01/Gen/ SVP/0862 DATED 17.8.2001. The area was technically non-feasible. Action has been initiated to provide telephone connection by 31.8.2002.

Installation of sophisticated bugs at mobile switching centres

1649. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cell phone service providers are required to install sophisticated bugs at mobile switching centres country-wise, to held the various State agencies authorized to tap cell-phones;

(b) if so, the agencies which are so authorised to tapcell-phone calls;

(c) the reasons for many agencies tapping the cell-phones individually, instead of making one single authority responsible with each of the concerned agencies sharing the information required by them; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken to rationalize the tapping system?